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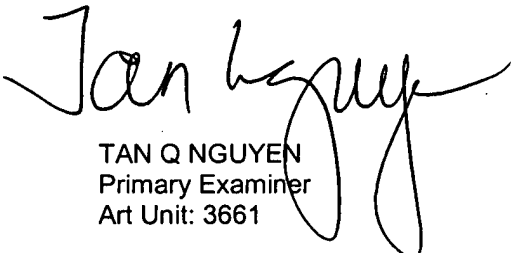
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAIL ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-11 are pending.
2. The prior arts submitted on November 12, 2003, January 19, 2004 and September 29, 2004 have been considered.
3. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119, which have been placed of record in the file.
4. The drawings are objected to because in figure 2, the control device box is missing the label, which is the item 12. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

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5. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informality: in paragraph 0039, line 3, the item "HM4" should be "HM1". Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-3, 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Weimper et al. (6,757,594).
8. With respect to claims 1 and 7, Weimper et al. disclose an in-car computing system and method for controlling a selection mark in an in-car computing system which includes a control device 14 and a display 24 for displaying a main menu, such as navigation system, a telephone system, and internet browser (see at least column 4, line 4-9), and plurality sub-menu, such as the six menu items as are shown in the figure 2. Weimper et al. further disclose that the system includes an operating unit for selecting and activating a menu item within the main menu or sub-menu (see at least figure 1, items 26 and 27), and a switching member for the menu mode, for selecting

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and activating the individual menu items of the main menu in a predetermined order, i.e. all six menu items in the sub-menu of the internet browser in the main menu are displayed (see figure 2 and column 2, line 66 to column 3, line 1).

9. With respect to claim 2, Weimper et al. also disclose that the operating unit is a rotary/push button as shown in figure 1, items 26 and 27.

10. With respect to claim 3, Weimper et al. disclose that the switching member 30 is provided for switching to the main menu (see at least column 5, lines 34-37 and figure 2).

11. Claim 8 is a method claim corresponding to apparatus claim 1. Therefore, claim 8 is rejected for the same rationales set forth for claim 1.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 4-6 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weimper et al. as applied to the claims above, and further in view of Falcone et al. (5,396,264).

14. Weimper et al. disclose the claimed invention as discussed above except for the menu items intended for being displayed are selectable and adjust according to the

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frequency of the use. However, Falcone et al. suggest an information display device has a plurality of operation modes and a corresponding plurality of menu items, which are displayed in a sequence determined by a priority in response to either a frequency of selection of the corresponding operating mode or a default value assigned to the menu item or both (see at least the abstract and figures 1-7). It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate the priority display as taught by Falcone et al. into the system of Weimper et al. in order to provide the improved system with the enhanced capability of placing the menu items of the most frequently selected modes first for the specific owner, thereby reducing the time in selecting the desired menu items while driving.

Conclusion

15. All claims are rejected.

16. The following references are cited as being of general interest: Hermann (5,270,689), Hartman et al. (5,821,935), Bertram (6,011,546), Volkel (6,104,399), and Chew et al. (2004/0001105)

17. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Tan Q. Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-6966. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 5:30 AM-4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black, can be reached on (571) 272-6956.

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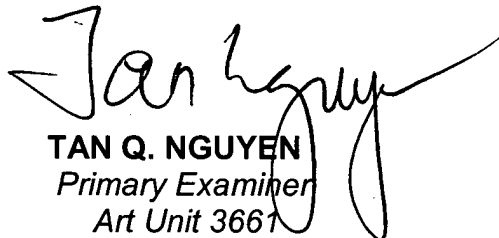
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